

Inscriptions on the Grave-Stones in the  
Old Churchyard of Saint Paul's Narra-  
gansett North Kingstown Rhode Island







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**St. Paul's Narragansett**  
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With a Record of the Inscriptions in the  
Graveyard of the Old Church at Wickford

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## Compiler's Note

*When I first visited this Churchyard, February 20, 1880, it was in good condition; the MacSparran Monument having been erected in 1868, and the walls and ground put in order in 1869. When I last visited the yard, November 17, 1908, it showed neglect, the wall being down in several places and the ground needing care. Accounts of many of the persons whose names are inscribed on the stones of the Churchyard may be found in the "History of the Narragansett Church" (Second Edition, 1907), to which the reader's attention is directed.*

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## Preface

THE printing of this collection of the inscriptions upon the gravestones in the ancient burial-ground of Saint Paul's Church, Narragansett, is the result of a visit paid to it by the Rev. Daniel Goodwin, D.D., of East Greenwich, Mr. William Watts Sherman, of Newport, and myself, in the summer of 1908. It being evident that the inscriptions were becoming obliterated by wind and weather, it was proposed to secure a record of them before further decay rendered them illegible.

It was suggested that Mr. James N. Arnold be entrusted with the deciphering of these inscriptions; but when the writer entered into correspondence with him on the subject, he learned that Mr. Arnold had already copied almost all the inscriptions in the burial-grounds of North and South Kingstown. The transcript of the inscriptions of the stones in the old churchyard of Saint Paul's, he very generously placed at our disposal, and all of its entries have been carefully compared with the original inscriptions by Mr. Arthur B. Cook. A diagram showing the approximate position of the graves in the churchyard has also been supplied. As will be seen, the interments in the old churchyard have extended from 1705 to 1884. The inscriptions in the *present* graveyard of the "Old Church" (removed to Wickford in 1800) are included in the Appendix, so that a complete record of the stones now existing in both churchyards is here

presented. As many of the Narragansett families, however, had private burial-grounds on their own estates, the stones of which record is here made are, therefore, memorials of but a small proportion of the families belonging to Saint Paul's parish.

Printed through the generosity of Mr. William Watts Sherman, a descendant of several well-known Narragansett families, this little book has had the advantage of the coöperation of Dr. Goodwin, who has kindly read the proofs, and supplied references to such parts of his edition of Updike's *History of the Narragansett Church* (1907) as throw light upon the lives of the individuals buried in these ancient cemeteries.

I have placed upon the plan of the old church-yard a cross indicating the tumulus marking the exact spot under which Dr. MacSparran is buried. At the time of the erection of the MacSparran monument, the precise locality was not accurately known, so the memorial was placed where it would have the best appearance. It may be remembered that the burial of Dr. MacSparran was described in the Parish Record as being under the Communion Table, which at that period stood at the east end of the Church. The position of the Church is quite accurately known, the great door then being to the north, and not to the south as now. On entering this north door, the Altar would have been at the left; and supposing the Church to have stood very near

the western boundary of the graveyard (as has been affirmed by aged people living within the last half century), approximate measurements would place the Altar at the precise spot where a mound now exists. This mound was pointed out as the spot of the Doctor's interment by my great-grandmother, Mrs. Lodowick Updike, to a grandson,—Mrs. Updike having been present, as a girl of seventeen years, at the burial of the Rector of Saint Paul's, who was her uncle by marriage. This tradition was handed on to Dr. Goodwin by the grandson in question, the late Updike Hagan, Esq.; and on our visit to the old Narragansett churchyard Dr. Goodwin showed me the tumulus and told me his reasons for believing it to be traditionally and actually the precise spot of the Rector's grave. The mound is to be marked by a stone; and this further record of the matter is, as good Dr. MacSparran said in his Parish Register, “recorded for ye Information and Benefit of Posterity.”

D. B. U.

*Boston, June 24th, 1909.*



# Inscriptions in the Old Graveyard of Saint Paul's Church Narragansett

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*The Numbers above the inscription on these pages refer to the position of the graves in the Plan of the Graveyard. The references are to Updike's History of the Narragansett Church, Second Edition, edited by Rev. Daniel Goodwin, D.D., 1907.*

1

[Marble]

In  
Memory of  
Amos Gardiner  
who died  
Sept. 29. 1827.  
in the 72 year  
of his age.\*

2

[Marble]

In memory of  
Abigail.  
wife of  
Amos Gardiner  
who died June 29. 1840  
In the 78th year  
of her age.†

\**S. of 1<sup>st</sup> Amos: Hist. Narr. Church, I. 445.*

†*Wife of above.*

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3

[*Marble*]

In Memory of  
Thomas B.  
son of  
Amos & Abigail  
Gardiner  
Died Mar. 4, 1860,  
Aged 81 yr's 3 mo. & 13 dy's.\*

Silent but peaceful be thy sleep,  
My loving husband dear.  
While o'er thy grave I come to weep,  
And drop a widow's tear.

4—5—6—7—8—9

[*Field Stones*]

10

[*Marble*]

William E. Greene.  
Born  
Nov. 17, 1817.  
Died Dec. 4, 1882.

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Eliza Sherman.  
his Wife  
Born July 7, 1821.  
Died May 16, 1884.

\**Possibly same as Thomas R.: History*, II. 378.

11

[*Field Stone*]

12

[*Slate*]

In  
Memory  
of  
Col. John Gardiner,  
who died  
Oct. 18. 1808,  
in the 62<sup>d</sup> year of  
his age.\*

*Foot-stone*

Col. | John | Gardiner, | 1808.

13

[*Slate*]

In  
Memory of  
Mrs. Sarah  
Relict of Col. John Gardiner,  
who died  
June 16, 1816.  
in the 62, year of  
her age.†

\* *History*, I. 135, 280, 447, 456; II. 105: *s. of John of Boston Neck.*

† *History*, I. 135, 447; II. 104, 105, 596.

14

[*Slate: masonic emblems, skull and bones*]

In Memory of  
 Robert C. Gardiner Esq  
 Late American Consul at Sweden  
 Lost at Sea Sept. 7. 1804  
 Aged 31:\*

[*Square and compass*]

Capt. John Gardiner  
 died at Sea Feb. 25. 1806.  
 Aged 33.†

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Sons of Col. John Gardiner

*Foot-stone*

Robert C.  
 Gardiner Esq.

1804.

Capt. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Gardiner  
 1806.

15—16—17—18—19

[*Field Stones*]\* *History*, II. 105.† *History*, II. 105, 599.

20

[*Slate: ornamental scroll at sides, head with wings*]

Benjamin Son  
of Benjamin &  
Elizabeth  
Gardiner died  
April 3<sup>d</sup> 1780,  
aged 8 M<sup>o</sup> 20  
Days.\*

21

[*Slate: ornamented like No. 20*]

In Memory of  
Thomas Son  
of Benj. and  
Elizabeth  
Gardiner  
died August  
11<sup>th</sup> 1775 aged  
7 Weeks.†

\* *History*, II. 272, 347.

† *Brother of next above.*

22

[*Slate: crowned head with wings; scrollwork around inscription at sides and bottom*]

Here lieth interrd  
the Body of William Gardner  
who died Decem<sup>br</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1732 aged  
about 61 years\*

*Foot-stone*

[*Hour-glass, with flower on each side*]

William Gardner 1732

23

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to above*]

In Memory of  
Abigail ye Wife of  
Job Almy of Newport  
Merchant died Feby  
y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1763 in y<sup>e</sup> 85<sup>th</sup>  
Year of her Age.†

*Foot-stone*

Abigail Almy 1763

\* *History*, I. 134, 135, 442.

† *History*, I. 135, 441, 442; II. 504, 524.

24

[*Slate: ornamented like above, but no scroll at bottom*]

In Memory  
of Mary y<sup>e</sup>  
Daughter of  
John Gardner  
& Mary his wife  
died Oct y<sup>e</sup> 16  
1762 aged 18  
Years & 3 M<sup>o</sup>\*

*Foot-stone*

Mary Gardner 1762

25

[*Slate: death's-head with wings; scrollwork at sides*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> body  
of Abigail Daftcr  
of Josiah & Lydia  
Arnold who died  
Desem<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1725  
Aged one year  
& 1 day†

\* *History*, I. 135, 449; II. 533, 568.

† *History*, II. 477, 482.

26

[*Slate: same ornamentation as above*]

Here lies the body of  
Lydia wife of Josiah  
Arnold who died Janua<sup>y</sup>  
22<sup>d</sup> 1727/8 aged 20 yea<sup>rs</sup>  
11 mos and 20 days\*

Her loss is ours also  
Death is her gain  
Her soul may rest  
Her body's free from pain.

*Foot-stone*

Lydia Arnold 1727

27

[*Small slate: same ornamentation as above*]

Here lies ye body  
of Sylvester  
Son of Josiah and  
Lydia Arnold  
he died Feb 10<sup>th</sup>  
1730 aged  
3 years 19 day<sup>s</sup>†

\* *History*, I. 135, 452, 453; II. 491, 492.

† *History*, II. 493.

28

[*Slate: ornamentation of grapevine at sides, scroll only at bottom*]

Here lieth Interred  
y<sup>e</sup> Body of M<sup>r</sup>.  
Samuel Phillips.  
died March y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
1736. In y<sup>e</sup> 81<sup>st</sup>  
year of his age\*

*Foot-stone*

Samuel Phillips. 1736.

29

[*Grave, with common wall stone, north*]

Probably Mr. Phillips's wife†

30

[*Field Stone very near head-stone No. 31*]

Probably foot-stone of infant's grave

\* *History*, I. 128, 423-5.

† *History*, I. 128, 430; II. 604.

31

[*Slate: head with wings, scroll at sides of inscription*]

Here lieth Interred y<sup>e</sup>  
Body of Mary y<sup>e</sup> wife of  
M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Phillips &  
Daughter of M<sup>r</sup>. Samuel  
Brown. died April y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>  
1737 In y<sup>e</sup> 32<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.\*

The Flowers that to Day  
Appeareth fresh and Gay,  
At night may be  
Withered and dead like me

32

[*Slate: similar ornamentation*]

Here lies y<sup>e</sup> body  
of Thomas son  
of Thomas &  
Mary Phillips  
died July y<sup>e</sup> 27  
1728 aged 4 Mo,  
& 13 days†

\* *History*, I. 426; II. 494.

† *History*, II. 493.

33

[*Slate: head, with scroll at top; floral scroll-work at sides*]

Here lieth y<sup>e</sup>  
Body of William  
Son of Christopher  
& Sarah Phillips,  
died Sep<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>  
1727 aged 8 M<sup>o</sup>  
& 4 days.\*

Blessed are those  
that Dye in the  
Lord

34

[*Large slate tablet: two heads with wings, scroll-work, scallop shell and heart; below, a large fleur-de-lis in each corner*]

Here lyeth Interred  
Christopher Philips Esq<sup>r</sup> who departed this life  
August y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1753 in y<sup>e</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age

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And also Sarah his Wife, who departed this life  
July y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1753 in y<sup>e</sup> 53<sup>d</sup> Year of her Age. †

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Whereas one Bed did Both contain in life,  
This constant Husband, and his faithful Wife,  
So doth this Tomb their mortal parts confine,  
In sure expectance of the appointed Sign,

\* *History*, II. 490, 491.

† *History*, I. 128, 427-9; II. 549.

When the Arch-Angel, with shrill Trumpet's Sound,  
Shall call to life, the renovated ground;  
Then shall their Souls a Resurrection fee,  
And re-united to their Bodies be.

35

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

Here Lieth y<sup>e</sup> Body  
of Mary ye wife of  
John Gardner, who  
died June y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1739.  
In y<sup>e</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> year of  
her age.\*

*Foot-stone*

Mary Gardiner. | 1739.

36

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

In Memory of  
M<sup>r</sup> John Gardner,  
who died July 6<sup>th</sup>  
A.D. 1770, in the  
74<sup>th</sup> Year of  
his Age.†

*Foot-stone*

John Gardner, | 1770.

\* *History*, I. 135, 443; II. 522.

† *History*, I. 135, 444, 445, 544; II. 75, 76, 583.

37

[*Slate: similar ornamentation to No. 31*]

In Memory of Mary,  
Second wife of  
John Gardiner, Deceased,  
who Departed this  
life, April 21<sup>st</sup> A.D.  
17—, in the 60<sup>th</sup>  
Year of her Age.\*

*Foot-stone*

Mary | Gardiner, | 1774.

38

[*Slate: head with wings; hour-glass; scrolls at top and sides. At bottom, intersecting lines*]

In Memory of  
Miss Sarah Gardiner,  
Daughter of  
Mr. John Gardiner  
and Mary his Wife,  
she departed this Life,  
June the 16<sup>th</sup> AD 1771,  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> Year of her Age.  
Memento Mori.†

*Foot-stone*

Miss | Sarah | Gardiner | 1771

\* *History*, I. 135, 445; II. 601, 602.

† *History*, I. 135, 449; II. 589.

39

[*Field Stone only*]

40

[*Slate: head with wings; scrolls at sides*]

William y<sup>e</sup> Son  
of Christopher  
& Mary Phillips  
died March 28<sup>th</sup>  
1757 Aged  
1 Year & 5 M<sup>o</sup>\*

*Foot-stone*

W: P: | 1757

41

[*Slate: same ornamentation as No. 31*]

In Memory  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> Christopher  
Phillips, who died  
May y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1757  
in y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his Age. †

*Foot-stone*

Cap<sup>t</sup> | Christopher | Phillips | 1757

\* *History*, I. 128.

† *History*, I. 128, 429.

42

[*Slate: head with wings*]

In Memory of  
Mary,  
Consort of  
Henry Wall, Esq:  
& Daughter of  
Thomas Phillips, Esq:  
and Mary his Wife,  
She died Decemb<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>  
1783, aged 56 years.\*

*Foot-stone*

Mrs. | Mary Wall, | 1783.

43

[*Slate: light scrolls at top and sides*]

In Memory of  
Capt. Thomas  
Wall,  
Who departed this  
Life at Wickford, on  
the 22d of August,  
1802:  
In the 42d. Year  
of his  
Age.†

\* *History*, I. 128, 427.

† *S. of Henry & Mary: History*, I. 427.

*Foot-stone*

Capt. | Thomas Wall, | 1802.

44

[*Marble: head with wings; palm and flowers*]In memory of M<sup>rs</sup>.

Sarah, wife to M<sup>r</sup> Amos  
Gardiner, who depart-  
ed this life April 13<sup>th</sup>  
1777, in the 50<sup>th</sup> Year  
of her age.\*

My lover friend familiar all,  
Remov'd from sight & out of call,  
To dark Oblivion is retir'd,  
Dead, or at least to me expir'd.

*Foot-stone*M<sup>rs</sup> | Sarah | Gardiner.

45

[*Slate: rose on stem; light scroll*]

In Memory of  
Amos Gardiner,  
of South Kingstown,  
in the County of  
Washington,  
who departed this Life  
April  
3d.  
1793,  
in the 67th. Year  
of his Age.†

\* *History*, I. 444; II. 545.† *Perhaps s. of William: History*, II. 503.

*Foot-stone*

Amos | Gardiner, | 1793

46

[*Slate: scroll around inscription; head with wings*]

In Memory of  
Ann, y<sup>e</sup> Daughter of  
Elisha Cole. Esq<sup>r</sup> &  
Elizabeth his Wife,  
Died Aug<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1742  
In y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> year  
of her Age.\*

*Foot-stone*

Ann Cole. | 1742.

47—48—49—50—51

[*Small Field Stones*]

52—53

[*Large Field Stones*]

\* *History*, I. 107, 110; II. 529.

54

[*Brown stone: same ornamentation as No. 46*]

In Memory of  
John Cass, Esq.  
of Tower-hill, he  
departed this Life  
July 29<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1770  
in the 70<sup>th</sup> Year  
of his Age.\*

*Foot-stone*

John Cass | Esq. | 1770

55

[*Brown stone: same ornamentation as No. 46*]

In Memory  
of Mary, Wife of  
Benjamin Sherman  
who died May 12<sup>th</sup>  
1763, Aged 37  
Years.†

*Foot-stone*

Mary | Sherman | 1763

\* *History*, II. 76-8, 310, 311.

† *Perhaps 1<sup>st</sup> w. of Benjamin & m. of James: History*, II. 556, 589.

56  
[*Granite*]

LD  
DI —  
A. 81  
1735\*

57—58—59—60

[*Field Stones*]

61  
[*Granite: ornamented with raised cross*]

Samuel Brenton,  
son of Jahleel,  
son of William,  
son of  
Gov. Wm. Brenton.  
OB. Feb. 1797, AET 61.†

Susan Cooke,  
his wife  
OB. Sept. 1793,  
AET 57.

\* An earlier copy of this inscription reads as follows: LD | B 1624 | A 81 | 1735.

† *History*, I. 557; II. 358.

62—63—64

[*Field Stones*]

65

[*Slate*]

Sacred  
to the memory of  
Capt.  
Henry Sherman  
who died, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1830,  
in the 68th year  
of his age.\*

66—85

[*Field Stones*]

[*Memorial Cross: granite*]

*North side*

Erected  
in grateful memory  
Of  
James M<sup>c</sup>Sparran, D.D.  
By authority  
of the Diocese of Rhode Island  
in 1868.

\* *Perhaps hus. of Mary Gardiner, dau. of Amos: History, I. 445.*

*West side*

Missionary of The  
Venerable Society  
For Propagating the Gospel  
in Foreign Parts,  
And Rector of the Church  
then here,  
From 1721 to his death in 1757.

*East side*

He was buried beneath  
this stone.  
Here also lie the remains of  
The Reverend  
Samuel Fayerweather,  
His successor,  
From 1760 to 1781.

*South side*

St Paul's Church,  
Narragansett,  
Was built here in 1707,  
and Removed to Wickford  
in 1800.

*South of the westerly end of the McSparran lot, just beyond the wall, and quite near the McSparran Monument itself, are three stones having inscriptions upon them, and twenty-two without inscriptions—field stones; also several other probable graves. The three inscribed are as follows:*

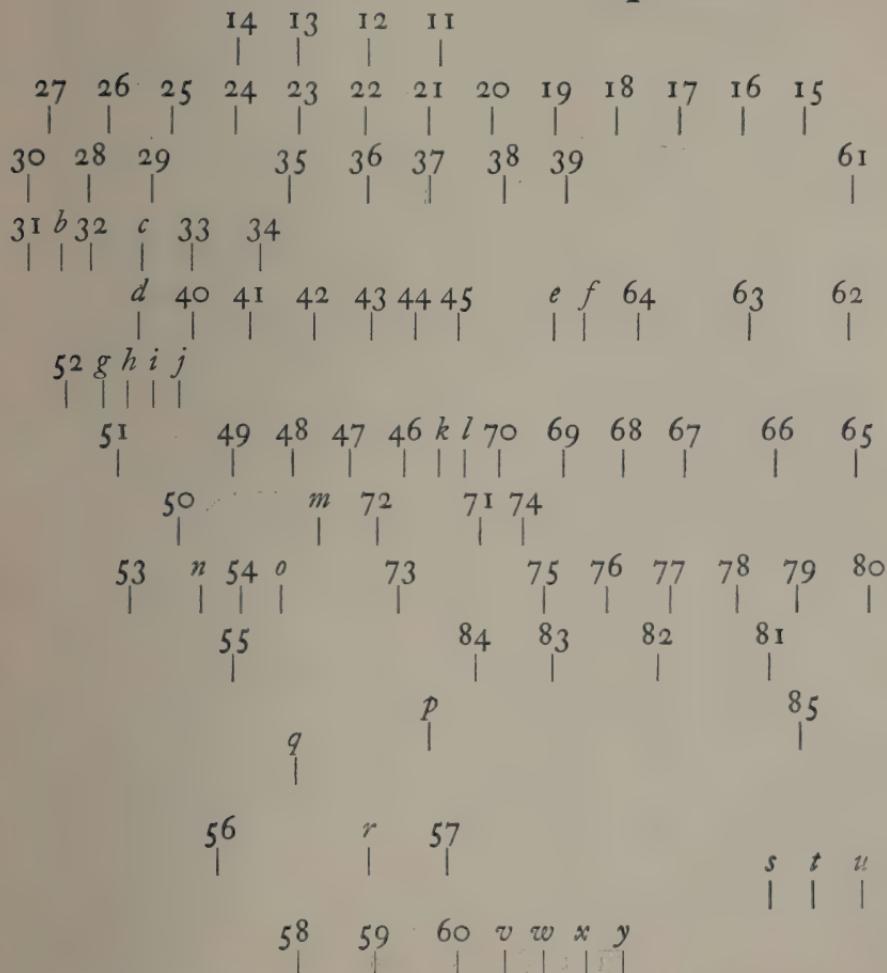
1. (Slate.) Mr. Bowen Card | Died Nov. 30, 1793. | Aged 35 Years.
2. (Slate.) Mrs. Margaret | Card, | wife of | Mr. Bowen Card. | Died May 2<sup>d</sup>, 1829. | Aged 72 Years.
3. (Rough stone.) Martha Card | wife of Job | Card who depar | ted this life Octo | ber 11<sup>th</sup> A D 1778 in the | 51 year of her Age.



a 10 9  
| || |  
5 4 3 2 1 6 7  
8 |

MacSpar-  
ran Mon-  
ument

‡ Tumulus



The Maltese Cross shows the tumulus believed to mark the actual spot of Dr. MacSparran's grave.  
The tumuli at the eastern end of the Churchyard are, according to tradition, the graves of slaves of the early families. The stones marked by letters a-z are uninscribed field stones which have been discovered in a later survey made by Mr. A. B. Cook.



Inscriptions in the Graveyard of  
The Old Church  
Wickford  
*Transcribed in 1908*

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My Mother. | Polly Nichols, | Wife of | Richard Thomas, |  
Died Feb. 29, 1868. | Aged 93 years, 7 mo. | & 5 days.  
*Foot-stone: P. N. T.*

Erected | To the Memory of | My Father | Richard Thomas, |  
Who died Aug. 12, | 1859, | Aged 82 years, 6 mo. |  
& 21 days.\*

*Foot-stone: R. T.*

Elisha Peck Smith, | Died | Sept. 12, 1832, | Aged 55 years. |  
Also | Hannah Phillips Smith | Wife of Elisha P. | Died  
Oct. 1. 1841, | Aged 61 years.†

*Foot-stones: E. P. S. | H. P. S.*

In memory of | Nathaniel | P. Smith. | Son of Allen. M. |  
& Charlotte P. | Thomas. who | died July 1, 1844 | aged  
19 mo. & | 22 days.

*Headstones: Charlotte. | A. M. T.*

*On Marble Monument*

[*North side*] Elisha P. Smith. | Died Sept 12, 1832. | Aged  
55 years.

Hannah P. Smith. | Wife of | Elisha P. Smith. | Died Oct 1.  
1841. | Aged 61 years.

[*West side*] Richard Thomas. | Died Aug 12, 1859. | Aged  
82 years.

Polly Nichols Thomas. | Wife of | Richard Thomas. | Died  
Feb 29. 1868. | Aged 93 years.

\**Hist. Narr. Church*, 1. 426.

†*The remains were removed from Pawtuxet, August, 1868.*

[*South side*] Nathaniel. | Son of | A. M. & C. P. S. Thomas. | Died July 1, 1844. | Aged 1 year & 7 mos.

Clarence Eugene Thomas | Died April 1, 1882, | Aged 41 years | Removed to Elm Grove | Cemetery July 1899

[*East side*] Allen Mason Thomas, | Born | July 25, 1806, | Died April 13, 1887.\*

Charlotte P. Smith. | Wife of | Allen M. Thomas. | & Daughter of | E. P. & H. P. Smith. | Died April 6, 1872, | Aged 61 years. |

THOMAS

*The above are all in the Thomas lot*

Sacred | To the Memory | of | Susan Elizabeth | Daughter of | J. S. & J. M. M<sup>c</sup>Laughling. | She died Nov. 24, 1854, | Aged 37 years

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

*Foot-stone: S. E. M<sup>c</sup>L.*

Sacred | To the Memory of | Capt. | John S. M<sup>c</sup>Laughling. | Born 1791. | Died 1866.

“Blessed are the pure in heart | for they shall see God.”

*Foot-stone: J. S. M<sup>c</sup>L.*

Sacred | To the memory of | Joanna M. | wife of | Capt. John S. M<sup>c</sup>Laughling. | Born 1796. | Died 1853.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord | is the death of his saints”

*Foot-stone: J. M. M<sup>c</sup>L.*

In memory of | Elizabeth E. | Daughter of | Susan W. Reynolds, | Dec. 3, 1827. | Feb. 20, 1903.

In Memory of | Susan W. | Daughter of | Mrs. | Susan W. Reynolds. | Born June 25th 1810, | Died Mar. 10th 1856.

*Foot-stone: S. W. R.*

\* *History*, I. 426.

In memory of | Mrs. Susan W. Reynolds | daughter of |  
Samuel & Mary Nicholds | who departed this life | March  
27, 1849. in the | 60, Year of her age,

*Foot-stone: S. W. R.*

In memory of | Mrs. Mary Nichols. | widow of | Samuel  
Nichols. | & daughter of | Henry & Mary Wall | who de-  
parted this life | Jan. 13, 1848 in the | 85, Year of her age.

*Foot-stone: M. N.*

In memory of | Mrs. Mary P. Shaw. | wife of | George M.  
Shaw. | & daughter of | Samuel & Mary Nichols. | who de-  
parted this life | May 27. 1844. in the | 45. Year of her age.

*Foot-stone: M. P. S.*

*[Granite Cross]*

Frances Irene Burge Griswold, | Apr 18, 1826–Nov. 11,  
1900.\*

Alive unto God, | through Jesus | Christ our Lord. | Rom. 6. 11.

In memory of | Anna S Thomas, | Wife of | George B.  
Thomas, | & Daughter of | Lemuel & Elizabeth | Burge, |  
She Died Aug 27<sup>th</sup> | 1845, | In her 24<sup>th</sup> year.

Sacred to the memory | of | Mary A. | Wife of | George  
B. Thomas | & daughter of | Henry G. & Mary | Sher-  
man. | who died | April 6 1841 | aged 34 Years.†

Sacred | to the memory | of | Henry G. Sherman. | who  
died at sea | July 31. 1810. | aged 25 Years. | also | Mary. |  
his wife | died March 24, 1838. | aged 52 Years.

*Foot-stones: H. G. S. | M. S.*

Esther. | widow of | Jeremiah Carpenter | Born June 9  
1779. Died Jan. 17, 1848.

\* *History, II. 379.*

† *This inscription is on a broken stone lying back of the Old Church. There  
is now at the grave only a small head-stone, bearing the letters, M. A. T.*

*North of this point there are two graves not inscribed; further north a group of three large and four small graves also uninscribed. Two of these graves are probably those of Phebe and Mary B. Carter. The inscriptions formerly at their graves were as follows:*

Mary B Carter | Died | August 18th | 1855 | In her 17th year.

Phebe | Wife of Benj. P. Carter, | Died | Nov. 15, 1846 |  
Æ. 53 Yrs. 4 Mos. & 5 Ds

*The following have been removed from the yard since May 1, 1881*

John N son of Benoni and Abigail Bates died Feb 16 1822  
aged 4 years

Charles N son of above died Nov 28 1829

*Two unmarked graves of children of same*

Martha Bates widow of Sherman Bates died Aug 7 1810  
aged 64 years

Benoni P Bates died Feb 12 1867 in his 70 year

Abby Mahala wife of Benoni P died Nov 16 1851 age 50  
yrs 6 mos

Charles R son of Benoni P & Abby M d June 15 1848  
aged 17 y 5 m 21 d

Lois Mowry wife of Colonel Mowry daughter of Sherman  
Bates died Sept 3 1830 in 31 year

*Two large graves and one small grave, not marked*

In Memory of | M<sup>rs</sup> Jane Munday,\* | wife of | Nathaniel  
Munday Esq<sup>r</sup> | and Daughter of | John Bayly Esq<sup>r</sup> | county  
of Tipperary, | in the Kingdom of Ireland, | she died at  
Wickford, | August 3. 1808, | in the 36 year | of her age.

\*<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> wife.

Bleſt shade! if bending from thy ſtarry ſphere,  
 The ways of mortals may deserve thy care,  
 This mournful tribute of our love receive,  
 A tear, a verſe, is all thy friends can give.

Capt Nathaniel Munday died Jan 2 1827 aged 72 years\*

Elijah Johnson died 1874

*The following are in the Richard Updike Lot*

In | Memory of | James Updike. | who departed this life |  
 Feb. 20, 1822. | in the 51, Year | of his age.†

*Foot-stone: J. U. .*

In Memory of | Capt<sup>r</sup> Richard Updike, | who died | Feb, 26,  
 1805, | in the 75, year | of his age.‡

He was an excellent Citizen, | remarkable for Industry & |  
 Probity, ſtrongly attached | to the Liberties of his Country |  
 & brave in her cause.

A Wit's a feather, and a Chief a rod,  
 An honest Man's the nobleſt work of God.

This Stone was Erected | by Filial Gratitude.

*Foot-stone: Cap<sup>r</sup> Richard Updike.*

Mrs. Jemima, | widow of | Cap<sup>r</sup> Richard Updike, | died  
 March 4, 1827. | Aged 87 yrs.§

*Foot-stone: J. U.*

In Memory of | John Wall Updike, | 2<sup>d</sup>. Son of | Daniel E.  
 Updike Esq. | & Elizabeth his wife, | who departed this  
 life, | August 10. 1809, | aged 16 years | 10 months & 10  
 days | He was respectable for genius & virtue.||

The wintry blaſt of death kills not the buds of virtue, | no, they spread  
 beneath the heavenly beam of | brighter suns, through endless ages,  
 into | higher powers.

*Foot-stone: J. W. U.*

\* *History*, II. 260.

† *History*, I. 413; II. 512.

‡ *History*, I. 413, 416; II. 370.

§ *History*, I. 413.

|| *History*, I. 417; III. 109.

In memory of | Daniel E. Updike. | Esq., | who departed this life | Aug. 5, 1835. in the | 71, Year of his age.\*

*Foot-stone:* D. E. U.

In memory of | Mrs. Elizabeth, | widow of | Daniel E. Updike, | & daughter of | Henry and Mary Wall | who departed this life | Feb. 19, 1847. in the | 83, Year of her age.†

*Foot-stone:* E. U.

*Grave at foot of these not marked*

*The following are in the northeast corner of the churchyard*

In | memory of | Hannah Congdon | wife of | Henry J. Congdon | who died | April 27, 1827 | in her 51 year.

*Two graves north, uninscribed*

In | memory of | John F. Congdon. | who died | Sept. 3d 1836. | in the 28th year | of his age.

Young man while in your greatest strength  
Think not yourself secure;  
But be prepared, whilst you are young,  
To meet a dying hour

*Foot-stone:* J. F. C.

In memory of | Henry. Clay. | Son of John. F. | & Julia. A. Congdon | he died | August 29th | 1836. aged 17 | months & 26 | days

*Foot-stone:* H. C. C.

In memory of | George Jackson. | Congdon. son of | Henry J. and Sarah | Congdon. who | departed this life | Sept 24, 1833, | aged one year | 2 months & 11 days.

Sleep sweet my babe thy | parents love shall seek Thee in the worlds above

*Foot-stone:* G. J. C.

\* *History*, I. 416; III. 109, 110.

† *History*, I. 416, 427.

*Two graves north, unmarked*

E. M. | 1839

*Foot-stone: E. M.*

*Two graves at foot, unmarked*

*The following are in the Young lot*

In | Memory of | an infant Son of | Eliphilet | & Ruth. F. Young. | was born | Jun. 15<sup>th</sup>. & | died the 17<sup>th</sup>. 1831.

*Foot-stone: 1831*

In | Memory of | Alfred | Son of | Eliphilet | & Ruth. | F. Young. | died Sept. | 23<sup>d</sup> 1834. | aged 13 months | & 8 days.

*Foot-stone: A. Y.*

In | Memory of | Benj. C. Son of | Eliphilet | & | Ruth F. | You[n]g | died August | 22<sup>d</sup> 1836 aged | 8 mon. & 16 days.

*Foot-stone: B. C. Y.*

Mariah C. | daughter of | Eliphilet & | Ruth F. Young. | Born April 1839 | Died Jan. 1840.

She suffered but a little while  
In this world of Sin  
The Saviour saw her with a smile,  
And kindly called her in.  
Blessed babe with placid face  
Heaven is thy dwelling place

*Foot-stone: M. C. Y.*

Alfred Hammond Young, | Son of | Eliphilet & Ruth F. | Young, | Born July 15, 1834, | Died Jan. 31, 1900.

Ruth F. Young.

## *On Marble Monument*

[South side] Ruth F. | widow of | Eliphilet Young | Daughter of | Wm & Alice Hammond. | Died Nov 25, 1870. | Aged 71 years 5 mo's.

[*West side*] In memory of | Eliphalet Young, | Born | Oct. 27, 1798, | At Willimantic, Conn. | Died | April 15, 1859, | at Wickford, R. I. | Aged 60 yr's. 5 mo's.

[*East side plain*]

[*North side*] Alfred H. Young, | Born July 15, 1834, | Died Jan. 31, 1900.

*The following are in the Wightman lot*

In | Memory | of | Miss Sarah N. Bennett, | Daughter of | Capt. Cornelius Bennett, | & Silvina his Wife, | who died | April 11, 1814, in the 15 year | of her age.

She was an affectionate daughter, tender | sister, & endearing friend. Beloved by all | who had the pleasure of her acquaintance; | But neither youth nor virtue can ward off | the shafts of Death.

*Three graves, not marked*

*The following four graves (of the Lewis family) have been removed elsewhere*

Mary E daughter of John and Rebecca Lewis born July 2 1816 died Sept 13 1851

George son of above born Oct 19 1812 d Aug 11 1859  
John Lewis born Calais France April 5 1783 died at Wickford Dec 3 1848

Rebecca Lewis wife of John daughter of John and Mary Peirce born July 13 1789 died Mar 10 1858

Charlie | In Heaven | Son of | Edwin and Susan W. | Montgomery, | Died Feb. 14, 1859, | Aged 6 years, 3 mo | & 20 days.

Susan W. Montgomery, | Born | Apr. 11, 1830, | Died Aug. 19, 1906.

Edwin Montgomery. | Born Oct. 1818, | Died Aug. 4, 1886.

H. W. Baker, | Born Apr. 1, 1843, | Died May 20, 1904.

W. H. Baker, | Born Sept. 18, 1835, | Died Dec 24, 1882.

T. S. Wightman, | Born Oct. 2, 1798, | Died Aug. 28. 1881.

M. W. Wightman, | Born Oct. 26, 1805, | Died Mar. 6, 1886.

In | Memory | of | George Fowler, | who was Born May 16, | 1769, | and died Feb. 20, | 1852.

*Foot-stone: G. F.*

In memory of | Miss | Hannah Fowler | daughter of George | & Deborah Fowler | who died April 10th | 1839. in the 72d Year | of her age.\*

She was esteemed by her frie | -nds for her simplicity of | character her strong integrity | which she sustained through | a long and irreproachable life.

*One grave north, uninscribed; also one east, and two north of this*

Anna H | Wife of | James R. Wightman, | & Daughter of | Capt Abel & Eliza A. | Baker. | Died March 18. 1873. | Aged 30 years & 3 ms.

“Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee”

*Foot-stone: A. H. W.*

Gone Before | Alfred R. | Son of | Thomas S. & Mary | Wightman. | Died Sept 1. 1865. | Aged 29 y'rs 2 ms.

We shall meet beyond the river.

*Three graves north, uninscribed*

Miss | Hannah Weeden, | daughter of | Peleg & Mary

\* *History*, II. 546.

Weeden. | Died Jan. 6, 1854, | in the 37th year | of her age.

“God my Redeemer lives,  
And ever from the skies  
Looks down and watches o'er my dust,  
Till he shall bid it rise.”

“She hath done what she could.”

*Foot-stone: H. W.*

In memory of | Benjamin O. F. Weeden, | Son of Peleg and |  
Mary Weeden, who | died September 23d | 1837 in the  
25th | Year of his age.

Behold and see as you pass by:  
As you are now so once was I.  
As I am now so you must be:  
Prepare for death and follow me.

*Grave north, uninscribed*

In | Memory | of | Benjamin Fowler | Weeden, | Son  
of | Peleg & Mary | Weeden, | who died | Feb. 22. 1812. |  
aged 3 months & | 11 days.

*Small grave north, uninscribed*

In memory of | Peleg Weeden | Esq. who departed | this  
life on the 20th of | October 1839. in the 68<sup>th</sup> | Year of  
his age.

While his bereaved Widow with her children and other | con-  
nections mourn the loss of a kind & indulgent | Husband  
Father & Friend: & while a large circle | of friends & ac-  
quaintance weep over his grave may | they all heed the ad-  
monition which seems to be echoed from | his coffin; Be ye  
therefore ready also for the Son of | man cometh at an hour  
when ye think not.

*Foot-stone: P. W. 1839.*

In Memory | of | Mary Weeden, | Widow of | Peleg Wee-

den, | and daughter of | Benjamin & Frelove | Fowler. | She died July 7, 1858, | in her 82d year

“Blessed are the dead which die | in the Lord from henceforth, Yea, saith the | Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; | and their works do follow them.”

In Memory of | Benjamin, | Son of | Mr. Benjamin Fowler, | Merch<sup>t</sup> | who died Decem<sup>r</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1803, in 30<sup>th</sup> year of | his age.

“The desire of Man faileth”

Sacred | to the | Memory of | Christopher Fowler, | who was lost at Sea, | Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1758, aged 23: | and also of | Christopher Fowler, | who perished, in like manner, | Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1804, aged 24 years; | this Monument was erected by | Benjamin Fowler, Esq<sup>r</sup>. | of Wickford, | brother of the former, | and father of the latter, | as a tribute of his Affection.

*Foot-stone: Mr. | Christopher | Fowler, | 1804.*

*Three graves north, uninscribed*

In | me<sup>th</sup>ory of | Sibel Larkin | late consort of | Phineas Larkin & daughter | Benjamin & Susanna Weeden | who died April 2d 1836. | in 57<sup>th</sup> Year of her age. | & also Benjamin Weeden | her Father died Feb. 18th | 1808. in the 76 Year of his | age. Berryed in Richmontown.

*Foot-stone: S. L.*

In memory of | Susannah Weeden, | Relict of | Benjamin Weeden, | who died Dec. 11th, | 1819, | In the 82d year | of her age.

*Foot-stone: Susannah | Weeden, | 1819,*

In | Memory | of | Hulder, | Wife of | Benjamin Fowler | Esq<sup>r</sup>. | who died | Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1811, | in the 65<sup>th</sup>. year | of her age.

In Memory of | Freelove, | Wife of Mr. | Benjamin Fowler, | who died May 12<sup>th</sup> 1789, | in the 52<sup>d</sup>. Year of her | Age.

*Foot-stone: Freelove | Fowler, | 1789.*

Sacred to | The memory of Benj. | Fowler, Esq. | Who died August 5th | A.D. 1818, | In the 80th, year | of his age.

Long have I tried terrestrial joys  
But here could find no rest.  
Far from all vanity and noise,  
To be with CHRIST is best.

*Foot-stone: Benjamin | Fowler, Esq. | 1818.*

In | Memory of | Mary | Widow of Capt. | Sylvester Peirce, | & Daughter of | George & Mary Fowler, | who died | Decr. 2<sup>d</sup>. 1808, in the | 80<sup>th</sup>. year of her age.

In Memory of | Mary, the Wife of | Mr. | George Fowler | She departed this | Life, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1774, | in the 84<sup>th</sup>. Year of | her Age.

*Foot-stone: Mary | Fowler | 1774*

In Memory of | Mr | George Fowler | who departed this | Life, April the 14. 1782 | in the 90<sup>th</sup>. Year of | his Age.\*  
*Field stone at foot.*

*This copy includes the names on the stones that were here in 1881, but which have been since removed.*

\* *History*, II. 475.

Te ergo quæsumus famulis tuis subveni  
Quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.  
Æterna fac cum sanctis tuis  
In gloria numerari.



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